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FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SY, US

SUBJ: SYRIAN JEWRY

1. TOUTAH TOLD POLOFF AUGUST 8 THAT DURING LAST FOUR DAYS SYRIAN SECURITY HAS BEEN CALLING IN MEMBERS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY WHO HAVE TRAVELLED OUTSIDE SYRIA IN PAST AND ASKING IF, WHILE ABROAD, THE INDIVIDUALS HAD MADE VISITS TO ISRAEL. WHEN INDIVIDUALS DENIED SUCH VISITS, SECURITY CITED DETAILED INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHICH CONTRADICTED INDIVIDUAL'S DENIAL. ACCORDING TO TOUTAH SECURITY ACCUSATIONS HAVE BEEN ACCURATE. ONCE INDIVIDUAL ADMITS HIS TRAVEL, SECURITY FORCES HAVE DISMISSED HIM WITH NO FURTHER ACTION.

2. TOUTAH SAID PRACTICE HAS BEEN FOR PEOPLE FROM COMMUNITY TO GET TO COUNTRY LIKE SWITZERLAND WHERE THEY GET LAISSEZ PASSER TO TRAVEL TO ISRAEL TO SEE RELATIVES. THUS, NO INDICATION OF TRAVEL APPEARS IN PASSPORT.

3. TOUTAH SAID THIS NEW SECURITY PROCEDURE WAS OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY WHICH FEARED SOME KIND
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OF FUTURE RETALIATION. HE SAID HE WANTED TO BRING IT TO OUR ATTENTION BUT DID NOT SEEK ANY ACTION ON OUR PART AT THIS TIME.
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